

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 5-7 and 10-22, without prejudice.

Amend claims 1, 2, 4, and 8 as follows.

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1. (Twice amended) A replicable Sendai virus vector carrying a foreign gene that is positioned 5' to a gene encoding a viral protein in the negative strand genomic RNA contained within said vector, and wherein said RNA comprises an additional E-I-S sequence between said foreign gene and its 5'- or 3'-flanking gene encoding a viral protein.

*Boont'd.* 2. (Twice amended) The vector of claim 1, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of the vectors of (a) to (f) below,

(a) a vector in which the foreign gene is inserted between the 1<sup>st</sup> gene encoding a viral protein and the 2<sup>nd</sup> gene encoding a viral protein from the 3' end of the negative strand genomic RNA contained within the vector;

(b) a vector in which the foreign gene is inserted between the 2<sup>nd</sup> gene encoding a viral protein and the 3<sup>rd</sup> gene encoding a viral protein from the 3' end of the negative strand genomic RNA contained within the vector;

(c) a vector in which the foreign gene is inserted between the 3<sup>rd</sup> gene encoding a viral protein and the 4<sup>th</sup> gene encoding a viral protein from the 3' end of the negative strand genomic RNA contained within the vector;

(d) a vector in which the foreign gene is inserted between the 4<sup>th</sup> gene encoding a viral protein and the 5<sup>th</sup> gene encoding a viral protein from the 3' end of the negative strand genomic RNA contained within the vector;

(e) a vector in which the foreign gene is inserted between the 5<sup>th</sup> gene encoding a viral protein and the 6<sup>th</sup> gene encoding a viral protein from the 3' end of the negative strand genomic RNA contained within the vector; and

(f) a vector in which the foreign gene is inserted between the 6<sup>th</sup> gene encoding a viral protein from the 3' end of the negative strand genomic RNA contained within the vector, and the 5' end of said negative strand genomic RNA.

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4. (Twice amended) An isolated DNA corresponding to (a) the negative strand genomic RNA contained in the vector of claim 1 or (b) the complementary RNA of said negative strand genomic RNA.

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8. (Amended) A vector DNA carrying the DNA of claim 4 in an expressible manner.

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Add the following new claims 23- 25.

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--23. (New) The vector of claim 1, wherein said additional E-I-S sequence is located between said foreign gene and its 5'-flanking gene encoding a viral protein in said negative strand genomic RNA.

24. (New) The vector of claim 1 or 23, wherein said additional E-I-S sequence comprises 5'-CUUUCACCCU-3'.

25. (New) A composition comprising at least  $4.7 \times 10^8$  pfu/ml of the replicable Sendai virus vector of claim 1 in a physiologically acceptable vehicle. --

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